

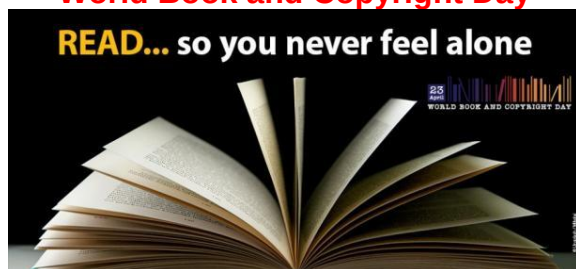
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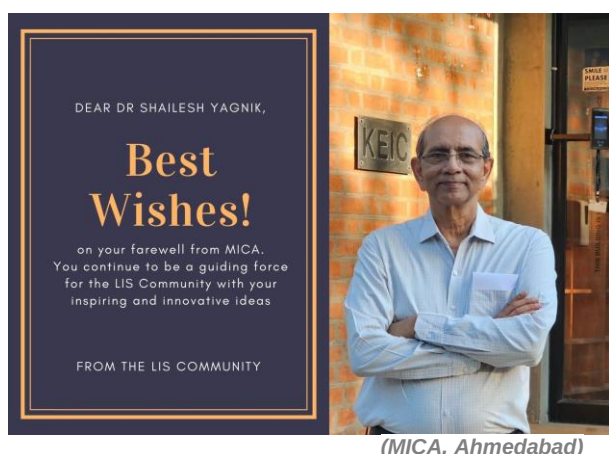
World Book and Copyright Day



Pause & Ponder

“If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.”

– Henry David Thoreau



(MICA, Ahmedabad)

ADINET Librarian's Day 2025

Librarians' Day 2025

Commemorating the birth anniversary of
Dr. S. R. Ranganathan
Father of Library Science Movement in India

“
One day national seminar on
**Sustainable Libraries for
Sustainable Rural Futures**
”



Jointly organized by ADINET and IRMA

Saturday, 23 August 2025
09.00 AM Onwards

Venue: IRMA Auditorium, Institute of Rural
Management Anand (IRMA), Anand

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Need for revival of libraries stressed



MLA Mandali Buddha Prasad attended as the chief guest at the state-level conference organised by Andhra Pradesh Library Revival Movement Forum here on Sunday. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA advised the parents and teachers to encourage children and students to develop an interest in reading, language and knowledge, and efforts should be made to ensure they visit libraries.

He said that libraries in rural areas are closing down at a higher rate than in urban areas. He announced that the construction of a historical library in the Amaravati capital region will commence soon. However, he recalled that Education Minister Lokesh has assured the development of the mother tongue and libraries in the Legislative Assembly. Former MLCs Vithapu Bala Subrahmanyam and KS Lakshmana Rao demanded the allocation of a dedicated ministry for libraries. They reminded that those preparing for higher education and competitive exams like civil services primarily utilise libraries...

Source: [Hans India, 28 Apr 2025](#)

Libraries seek participants for artificial intelligence research study



The University Libraries is looking for faculty and students at least 19 years of age to participate in a 90-minute focus group about generative AI research assistants in library systems. Compensation in the form of a \$50 gift card will be offered.

Participants will spend time exploring the library catalog with the Primo Research Assistant, talk about the experience with the focus group either in person at Love Library or on Zoom and fill out a short survey about their perceptions and use of generative AI more broadly.

Huskers interested in participating can sign up by contacting Janel Simons at janel.simons@unl.edu or Andy Pederson at apederson@unl.edu. This study follows Institutional Review Board guidelines, and all responses are confidential...

Source: [Nebraska Today, 28 Apr 2025](#)

More Than Books: 10 Different Ways Public Libraries Make Our Lives Better

With the internet putting a seemingly infinite supply of answers, arguments, and amusements at our fingertips, do we still need libraries?



The question isn't as rhetorical as it once seemed. As shown in *Free For All: The Public Library*, libraries currently face the twin threats of budget cuts and a wave of censorship. So it's more important than ever to explain why the nation needs them.

Any answer must begin, of course, with books. Lending books is at the core of any good library's mission—hence the logical outcry whenever a renovation or redesign treats books as an afterthought, especially if it seems to be displacing books with computers...

Source: [PBS.org, 28 Apr 2025](#)

How Libraries Are Faring Under the Trump Administration Amid Detrimental Funding Cuts



Adam Webb has worked in and around public libraries for 18 years, and as the executive director of the Garland County Library, he says funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has strengthened the library system. It was an IMLS grant that allowed the library to fund its “bookmobile”—which brings a book checkout system and other services to rural parts of the county in Arkansas, or to those who are unable to visit their central branch location.

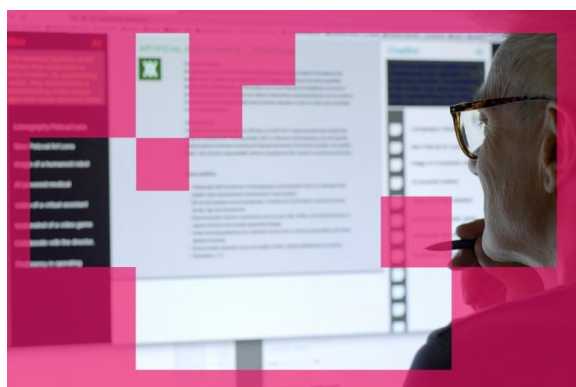
Visitors of the “bookmobile” can also access free Wi-Fi, just one of the public services that Webb says make libraries essential to community members.

Webb and other concerned librarians fear such services will be cut with the gutting of the IMLS as directed by President Donald Trump in his March 14 Executive Order titled: “Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy.”

“Because we’re a rural, poor state, Arkansas really depends on those federal funds to come through, and when the tap gets shut off, services are [also] going to get shut off because [people] can’t afford to pay for them on their own,” Webb says...

Source: [Time, 27 Apr 2025](#)

Science sleuths flag hundreds of papers that use AI without disclosing it



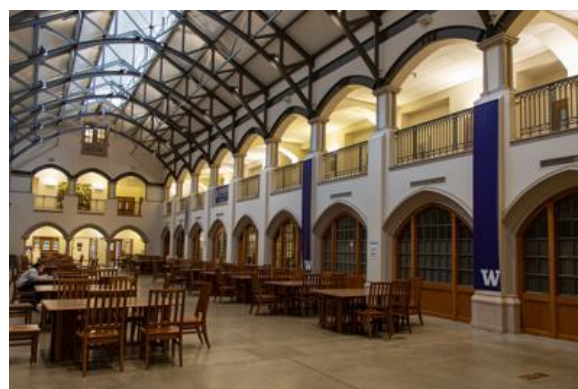
“As of my last knowledge update”, “regenerate response”, “as an AI language model” — these are just a few of the telltale signs of researchers’ use of artificial intelligence (AI) that science-integrity watchers have found sprinkled through papers in the scholarly literature.

Generative AI tools such as ChatGPT have quickly transformed academic publishing. Scientists are increasingly using them to prepare and review manuscripts, and publishers have scrambled to create guidelines for their ethical use. Although policies vary, many publishers require authors to disclose the use of AI in the preparation of scientific papers.

But science sleuths have identified hundreds of cases in which AI tools seem to have been used without disclosure. In some cases, the papers have been silently corrected — the hallmark AI phrases removed without acknowledgement. This type of quiet change is a potential threat to scientific integrity, say some researchers...

Source: [Nature, 24 Apr 2025](#)

UW’s iSchool is redefining librarianship through strategy and equity as the information landscape evolves



UW’s Information School is redefining what it means to be a librarian in the

digital age, equipping students to lead in a rapidly changing information landscape.

Ranked the No. 1 library and information studies program in the country by U.S. News & World Report, the iSchool builds on a foundation of traditional librarianship while prioritizing equity, innovation, public service, and community engagement.

“One unique thing about UW is its absolute commitment to social justice missions and the values that we have at the University of Washington that bleeds throughout our entire program,” Anind Dey, dean of the Information School, said. “That idea that everybody should succeed — that is really core to who we are as an information school.”

To prepare future librarians for an evolving field, UW emphasizes not just theory but real-world strategy. The Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) program includes a required management course focused on funding, policy, and community engagement, topics many students initially overlook.

Cindy Aden, chair of the MLIS program, said it's critical for future professionals to understand how libraries are funded and who they serve...

Source: [The Daily UW, 23 Apr 2025](#)

The Timeless Value of Book Reading



“23rd April is celebrated every year as World Book and Copyright Day, also known as the International Day of the Book. The day aims to promote reading, publishing, and the protection of intellectual property through copyright across the globe.”

Books, since long have been regarded as a person's best friend, offering companionship, wisdom, and a gateway to endless learning. Cultivating the habit of reading is essential for anyone committed to the pursuit of knowledge and personal growth. Maintaining a personal library and revisiting books regularly is not just a hobby, but a lifelong habit that enriches the mind and nurtures intellectual curiosity. Reading shapes our thinking, refines our behavior, and positively influences those around us. A thoughtful reader often inspires others to explore the world of books, groups through the sharing of common experiences. It fosters students' reading and learning habits while developing their imagination, critical thinking, and knowledge. Moreover, reading is a valuable source of pleasure. However, unless reading becomes an automatic and self-driven activity—independent of the classroom—it is unlikely to make a meaningful impact on a person's intellectual growth and overall personality. Therefore, questions such as how to encourage reading as a habit, what factors influence this process, and who should inspire students to read become vital. In this context, the roles of writers, parents, teachers, and librarians are especially important in the field of education. A habit formed in early childhood often lasts a lifetime. Cultivating a reading culture from a young age encourages curiosity about the world and a deeper understanding of human life...

Source: [Daily Excelsior, 23 Apr 2025](#)

A History and Future of School Librarianship



I remember very distinctly the dim lighting of my elementary school library and the days we'd huddle at the long tables tucked behind the shelves to listen to the librarian read to us. My favorite day, one that must have knocked my future on its axis ever so slightly toward books, was a day the librarian brought in a published author. I don't remember who the author was, but I do remember her reading from her novel, talking about the writing process, and answering our many, many questions. The reigning emotion in my recollection is comfort. Comfort in the books, in the semi-dark, in the chairs and the stories and the librarian smiling quietly at me as she checked out my stack of exactly 10 books, the limit for each library trip.

School librarians for me, and hopefully for many of you, were prominent figures in my childhood. I remember the competitions we had to read as many books as possible, which included one of the prizes being a picture of me hung in the library with my favorite book. I remember the reading quizzes, the research projects, the large shining plastic bins in each classroom where we could drop our returns each morning...

Source: [Book Riot, 08 Apr 2025](#)

Does your organisation need an AI librarian?

An AI librarian ensures data accuracy and integrity, bridging the gap between powerful AI tools and reliable, human-validated knowledge

As AI transforms business operations, a pressing need is emerging – the need to ensure the accuracy, integrity, and discoverability of an organisation's knowledge. Without structured oversight, knowledge can quickly become outdated, inconsistent, or misleading. And because AI excels at scaling information – organisations without robust internal controls risk accelerating the spread of misinformation internally, and to their users.

Businesses in Singapore are already grappling with these challenges, with 68% citing concerns about data timeliness and quality, and 61% struggling with inconsistent data sources. To address this, a new function is taking shape: the AI librarian. This role ensures that AI models are not just powerful but also trustworthy, curating and structuring knowledge to enhance, rather than replace, human expertise...

Source: [ComputerWeekly.com, 25 Mar 2025](#)

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